

**GLUTAMATE RECEPTOR DNA
ISOLATED HUMAN TRANSPORTER PROTEINS, NUCLEIC ACID
MOLECULES ENCODING HUMAN TRANSPORTER PROTEINS,
AND USES THEREOF**

FIELD OF THE INVENTION

The present invention is in the field of transporter proteins that are related to the glutamate receptor subfamily, recombinant DNA molecules, and protein production. The present invention specifically provides novel peptides and proteins that effect ligand transport and nucleic acid molecules encoding such peptide and protein molecules, all of which are useful in the development of human therapeutics and diagnostic compositions and methods.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

Transporters

Transporter proteins regulate many different functions of a cell, including cell proliferation, differentiation, and signaling processes, by regulating the flow of molecules such as ions and macromolecules, into and out of cells. Transporters are found in the plasma membranes of virtually every cell in eukaryotic organisms. Transporters mediate a variety of cellular functions including regulation of membrane potentials and absorption and secretion of molecules and ion across cell membranes. When present in intracellular membranes of the Golgi apparatus and endocytic vesicles, transporters, such as chloride channels, also regulate organelle pH. For a review, see Greger, R. (1988) *Annu. Rev. Physiol.* 50:111-122.

Transporters are generally classified by structure and the type of mode of action. In addition, transporters are sometimes classified by the molecule type that is transported, for example, sugar transporters, chlorine channels, potassium channels, etc. There may be many classes of channels for transporting a single type of molecule (a detailed review of channel types can be found at Alexander, S.P.H. and J.A. Peters: Receptor and transporter nomenclature supplement. *Trends Pharmacol. Sci.*, Elsevier, pp. 65-68 (1997).